(b) by when the Brahmaputra Board's Master Plan is likely to be executed; and

(c) whether Government envisage to undertake Netherland type measures to check Brahmaputra by Controi ling its water?

THE M(N'STER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRV OF WATER RESOURCES (SHR:M.\n (KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Government ot '.ld^a have establish-<J Brahm apuaa Board for integrated planning of measures for the management of floods in the Brahmaputra Valley.

Th$_e$ Go-ernment of India has been extending Central LO;M Assistance to the Government of Assam towards Flood Management Schemes. Since 1974-75, Rs. 173.5 crores have been released.

(b, Exei ution of a master plan depends on funds mobilised by the State Governments concerned and other ageucies and the satisfactory resolving of inter-State issues.

(c) Th; conditions in the Netherlands are vastly different from the conditions in the Brahmaputra Valley.

Survey conducted by nutrition foundation of India

495. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Wil! the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

fa) whether any survey has been conducted by the Nutrition foundation of tndis for assessing the impact of development irOLirammes on the health and nutrition of ruval communities**,** and com- • the health statu's of tribal, rural and urban shim children; and

(b) if *so,* what are the details th:reof?

THE MINTSTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE fSHRI MOTI LAL VOSA): (a) and (b) The Nutrition Foundation o^f Tndia had undertaken a study of some a-ipmcts of the working of the Integrated Chil<j Development Service (ICDS) in seven regions of the country namely Haryana. U.P., M.P. (Jabalpur), West Bengal (Calcutta), Orissa, Karnataka & Maharashtra The major ob-servations of the study are as under-

2. The U.P.-Haryana studies showed not only that poor communities in Haryana are better off but also that the rural development programmes there had apparently had a better effect on th$_e$ communities concerned than the programmes in U.P.

2. The rural development programme in Karnataka had not made r.ny spec tacular impact on the communities.

3. The Jabalpur-Calcutta studies have hiwc that th? problem of under nutrition among the children of poor communities in the country side has shown iio sign of abatement.

4. lt cannot be assumed that tribal children are more or less backward than rural children in all _parts of the country.

5. Children of urban slums in both Calcuttj and Jabalpur were certainlv not stirik'irtglfr' betUr off thia.n their rufal nunterprrts. Urban misration had provided them salvation from proverty and under nutrition.

Termination oj= Services of Nurses

496. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be p'eased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of some of the Nurses in the Defence Department of the Director General of M.'dical Services have been terminated nfter their marriage;

th) if so. the reasons therefor: and

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw the termination order; if not**,** th? reasons thereof?

THR MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE